

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-14 and 20 were previously pending in the application. New claims 21 and 22 are added. Therefore, claims 1-14 and 20-22 are presented for consideration. Claims 9-12 and 20 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 6-8 are allowable.

Claims 1-2 and 13-14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by CN 1,424,615. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended and recites that the front housing member and the rear housing member are non-detachably hingedly coupled together via a coupling structure.

The front and rear elements of CN '615 are neither non-detachable, nor hingedly coupled.

Rather, housing elements 8 and 19 are two detachable elements that are only connected together when respective snap connections 26a, 26b are joined.

Moreover, as set forth above, elements 26a, 26b of CN '615 are snap-type connections. CN '615 does not disclose a hinge-type coupling that requires a pivot or rotation movement to

open and that remains non-detachably connected to each other while being opened and during the opening process.

As the reference does not disclose in as much detail that which is recited in the claims, the anticipation rejection is not viable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by IDA et al. 5,666,172. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended and recites that the front housing member and the rear housing member are non-detachably hingedly coupled together via a coupling structure.

Although column 6, lines 38-42 of IDA disclose that the cover 850 is pivoted with respect to metal frame 500, nevertheless, such pivoting is with respect to bent ends 853, 523, which are detachable from each other. There is no non-detachable hinged connection in IDA.

As the reference does not disclose in as much detail that which is recited in the claims, the anticipation rejection is not viable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over IDA. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 1 and further define the invention and are believed to define over IDA at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

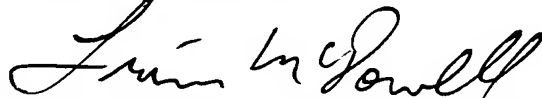
New claims 21 and 22 are added. New claim 21 finds support in Figure 1A and recites that an end of the rear housing member is coplanar with the front housing member. Such a feature is not disclosed by the prior art. New claim 22 includes the features of allowable claim 6 and is believed allowable at least for the reasons that claim 6 is allowable.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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